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DANCE PRACTICE

February practices will be Feb. 13 and 27. We will probably do more with "Candlestick Bransle", making our own dance of it. And a lot of review of what we have learned so far. The well-bred medieval or Renaissance ladies and gentlemen considered dancing essential.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY:
1 - ****SHIRE MEETING***, Room 165, 7 PM, Student Center
4 - Candlemas (Dragonsspine)* Lydia (719) 687-1449
11 - Hobbit's Birthday Party (Unser Hafen)* Aileen (303) 224-3389
11 - Dance and Gaming Revel (Caerthe)* Mistress Katherine (303) 694-3534
18 - Estrella War (Kingdom of Atenveldt)

MARCH:
11 - Ides of March (Caer Galen)* Iric (303) 449-2479
18 - Les Courturiers Defender (Dragonsspine)* Beatrix (719) 495-3915
25 - Persian New Year (Unser Hafen)* Chaylay (303) 223-6494
25 - April Fools & Funny Names (Caerthe) Wyndylyn (303) 355-6598

APRIL:
1 - Crown Tourney (Citadel) Greyraven (915) 584-7951

MAY:
27 - Unevent (Unser Hafen) Kevin (303) 221-0850

JUNE:
10 - Llama Lust II (Caerthe)* Ddan (303) 622-4343
17 - Croquet & Fencing Tourney (Caerthe) Wyndylyn (303) 355-6598

JULY:
15 - Colour Court (Caerthe)* Morrigan (303) 443-8853
22 - St. Sebastien's (Hawks Hollow) Erik (303) 452-0717

SEPTEMBER:
8 - Centertainment (Unser Hafen)
16 - Defender's Tournament (Unser Hafen) Titus (303) 490-2936

Items with * after them are detailed in this issue. The deadline for artwork or articles is the 16th of the previous month.

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CANDLEMAS
in DRAGONSSPINE

Come join us for an evening of feasting, dancing and merriment! Come see what's in the auction! We have a large hall with plenty of room for everyone!

Where: Sallie Bush Community Hall, Green Mountain Falls, Colorado

When: February 4,1989 at 5:00 p.m.

Fees:		Children 6-12
	10.00 before January 1	5.00
	12.00 after January 1	6.00
	14.00 at the door	7.00

Children under 6 are free.

Send reservations to: Lady Morwyn MacDonald
Robin Widmar
238 Elmwood Drive
Colo. Spgs. CO 80907
(719) 537-9427

Make checks payable to: SCA Dragonsspine
Be sure to include how many adults and children.

Parking is limited at the hall so be careful not to block driveways. Sorry, no pets (hall rule). This is a wet site.

Autocrats:

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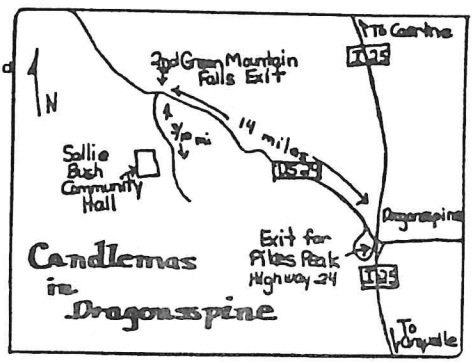

WE ARE HAVING A REVEL!

A birthday revel--to be precise-a HOBBIT'S BIRTHDAY REVEL! Friedhelm is going to be-- GASP!--30!! Therefore, come and gloat-er- celebrate with the Household of the Mad Woman on Feb. 11, starting at about 5:30 and ending when we get tired of each other. Please bring a dish to serve your group plus six others. We will provide something--I'm not sure what--it is rather vague out just now- but there will be food for all and don't bring gifts-remember, its a Hobbit's Birthday Party. That means you get the "goodies", you don't give them.

Ailene Bardon, autocrat
(303) 224-3389
4308 Dixon St.
Timnath, CO.

Ides of March Tourney and Revel

March 11,1989

Sites: Day: Fairview High School Cafeteria. We are getting this site for free in exchange for having members of their Science Fiction club attend the event. A tourney with Roman gladiatorial events is planned. Evening: Crossroads Meeting Place. We plan to have a light buffet in the evening, but not a whole feast. Autocrats: Tourney : The Honourable Lord Iric of Black Elk.449-2479. Revel: Lady Helena Houghes of London.499-2031. Buffet: Elizabeth Freemountain. 442-3421. Events in the Roman style.

LET'S GO TO WAR
DANCE & GAMING REVEL

Come prepare for War next weekend with healthy exercise and practice of strategy and tactics (i.e. come for an evening spent in board gaming and dancing, as well as whatever revelling seems appropriate - St. Valentines Day is just a day or so away). In keeping with an old Caidan custom for this time of year, there will be a Sideboard of delicious foods and desserts. HOWEVER, no one is allowed to help themselves, but must persuade someone else to feed them.

FEBRUARY 11 at 7:00 PM

9084 E. Nassau
Cherry Creek Town Homes III Clubhouse
(Formerly Ursula's Clubhouse)

AUTOCRATS:

Mistress Katherine Holford	694-3534
The Honorable Lady Aleen du Varney	830-2373

Please bring board games (Chess, Backgammon, Goose, Nine Man Morris) and your dancing shoes. Also, please bring fingerfoods for the sideboard.

SITE FEE:

$2.00 Site Fee OR $1.00 + Contribution to Sideboard

Please contact either of the autocrats with any questions.

Les Couturieres Defender Tourney and Feast

The Ladies and Gentlemen of Les Couturieres invite the people of the Outlands to attend their Fourth Annual Defender Tournament and Feast to be held March 18th in the Barony of Dragonsspine. The site is the Sallie Bush Community Hall. Take I-25 to the Pike's Peak exit and US 24. Take the second Green Mountain Falls exit and follow the signs. (See map below).

The Defender Tourney will be run single-combat, double-elimination, any weapons forms. All entrants will be required to perform a short bardic performance with a partner before or during the Tourney. This activity will not count towards the Defender Title, but a special prize will be awarded for the Most Entertaining Performance. All entrants in the Tourney must also display their device upon a surcoat, shield or banner.

The winner of the Tourney will be proclaimed the Household Defender and will be presented with a chainmail coif (pronounced KWOFF!), the Household Favor, the Defender Sword, and a scroll. The winner will also be provided a Twelfth-Night costume for the following year, as well as the adoration and appreciation of the Ladies! The Tourney is open to all authorized fighters who reside in the Kingdom of the Outlands. There will be indoor *and* outdoor facilities for fighting.

Other prizes will be given for Most Chivalrous/Courteous Fighter, Best Dressed Fighter, Most Beautiful Male/Female Garb, Best Table Setting, and Most Well-Behaved Child.

The Feast will consist of Salad, Italian pepperoni and cheddar cheese rolls, Baked Chicken with Mushrooms, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans with Almonds, Beef Stew, and Cheese Cakes with fresh fruit. Please contact the autocrat with special dietary requirements or allergies. Persons wishing to serve or help clean up will eat free, so contact the autocrat if you wish to volunteer. Feast fees will be $10 until March 1st - NO RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR. Children under 12 are free, and persons wishing to attend only the Tourney will be charged a $3 site fee. No reservations will be accepted without payment. *The site is discreetly wet.* The tenative schedule is as follows:

9:00 AM	Site Opens	12:00 PM	Tourney begins (on time!)
10:30 AM	Opening Court, List Registration	6:00 PM	Feast begins
		8:00-11:00 PM	Dancing, Games, Closing Court
11:00 AM	Inspection, Authorizations	12:00 Midnight	Hall Closes!

An Auction will be held, with items made or donated by the Couturieres, to help defray the expenses accrued by the Crown. Please bring extra money for this worthy activity.

For more information, contact the following individuals:

General Autocrat
(fees and reservations)
Countess Beatrix von Wertenberg
c/o Jan Watson
10145 East Burgess Rd.
Colo. Springs, CO 80908
(719) 495-3915

Co-Autocrat and Crash Space
Mistress Jeanne d'Aussay
c/o Jean Lambert
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Colo. Springs, CO 80935
(719) 473-0856

Tournament
Count Hagen Silverskull
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Serving and Clean-up
Master Giovanni di Sienna
c/o A.J. Riviezzo
P.O. Box 30278
Lowry AFB, CO 80230-0278
(303) 329-3877

PERSIAN NEW YEAR

Chaylay and Lady Tehri Hadeel invite you to come and celebrate Persian New Year (That's Na Ruz.) at a special dinner to be given at 2519 Sunstone Drive, Fort Collins, CO on March 25, 1989. Space is limited so get your reservations in now! Site/dinner fee will be $3.00 per person; $4.00 after March 1. Fee negotiable for those who help prepare dishes. The menu will tentatively feature: Stuffed Cabbage Rolls (Dolmeh), Rice with Lamb and Herbs, Carrots (like you never tasted them!), and various delectable munchies, dips and sweets (Shirin). Floor seating will be the rule, and eating with the fingers perfectly period! This is a WET site; tea and coffee will be provided.

Na Ruz, which begins the solar year, is on March 21, or the date of the vernal equinox, as soon as the sun passes into the sign of the Ram. It's origin dates back to the days of Jamsheed, and the sculptured procession at Persepolis is supposed to represent subjects bringing their New Year offerings to the king. At any rate, it is the only non-religious of the many Persian feasts and festivals, and gifts are exchanged as we do on Christams. The customs associated with it as said to date back to the time of Zoroastrianism. Come celebrate this most ancient holiday with us in proper Persian fashion; contact the Autocrat, Chaylay, at 223-6494, or mail reservations to the above address. Salaam!

LLAMA LUST II

The winds blowing across the eastern plains of the Outlands have again driven Master Odan der Halogaland to the brink of sanity. Obviously he took one too many blows to the head at Crown. He has totally lost his mind so...

Master Odan and Lady Alianna will again host a tournament on their manor June 10th and 11th. In honor of last year it will be known as Llama Lust II. Halogaland Manor is located approximately 30 miles east of Caerthe in the Outlands.

There will be a small site fee to help to pay for some shrines to St. John of the Stagnant Waters. Other than that, the only fee we request is for all to have fun. There will be lists for Rattan, Fencing, and Shinai. If there are enough young ones, we will have some children's activities. Saturday there will be a feast similar to last year. (Odan promises to slay a dragon between now and then so we will have "dragon bones".) Saturday night we will have a bardic circle featuring old war stories, filk songs and other nonsense. This is NOT a competition. Sunday will feature more tourneying. Please join us.

For information call: Master Odan or Lady Alianna at 1-622-4343.

A HUNT IN AN ENCHANTED FOREST

The Color Court of Emeralds

(Green)

July 15th AS XXIV

MINI-TOURNEY • REVEL

ATTENTION FIGHTERS

The Shire of Unser Hafen has acquired a very large and very nice site for indoor winter fighter practice. It is the gym at the North Aztlan Community Center, 112 E. Willow, in Fort Collins. Beginning Sunday, November 13, Unser Hafen fighter practice will be from 1:30 pm till 4:00 pm, two Sundays per month, on the dates listed below. We invite all fighters and fencers (and non-fighters, too!) to join us.

As this is a rather expensive site, we ask that all fighters contribute $2 (or what you can afford) to help cover the rent.

The management insists that we wear only athletic shoes with non-black soles -- this goes for spectators, too.

We only have two hours to use the gym, so it is important that everyone arrives on time so we can use the time to our best advantage. We can come in to stretch and armor up at 1:30 and fight from 2:00 till 4:00.

This place is big enough for small melees -- really!

Fighter Practice will be from 1:30 till 4:00 pm on the following Sundays:

November 13
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December 3
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January 15
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and tenatively, these dates:

February 12
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March 12
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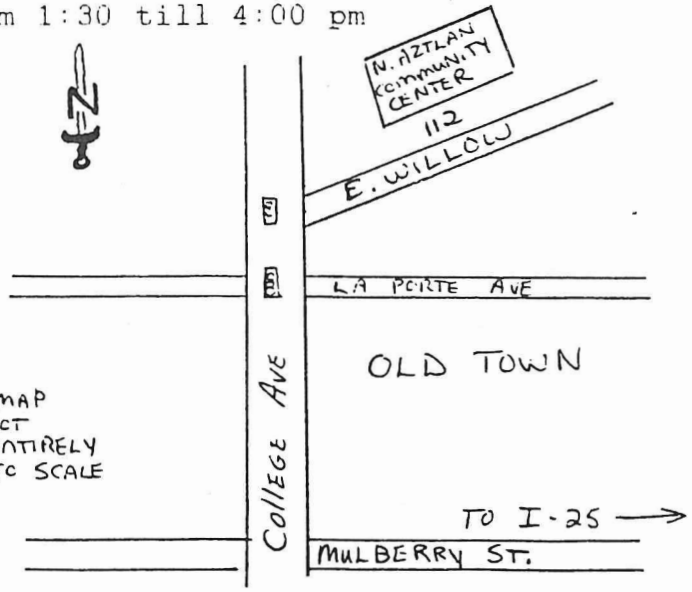

If the gods should see fit to give us good weather on one of the weekends inbetween (what is it the Christians say about a snowball in the Underworld ...), we may have practice outdoors as usual. Call first to be sure.

For more information, contact Lady Llamrei.
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